

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/627,475	MONDEN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Paul D Kim	3729	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/25/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/939,530.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>7/25/03</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bean on 2/17/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Change the title to --AN ADJUSTING METHOD FOR AN OPTICAL DISC APPARATUS--.

After the phrase "August 24, 2001" as described in line 6 of the specification, insert --, now US PAT. 6,667,944--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose the claimed invention. The closest reference, Kawamura et al., teach arrangement of recording/reproducing apparatus comprising processes of mounting an optical disc rotating mechanism (33) to a main chassis (5) as shown in Fig. 1 and providing a rotary member (37) having a rotation axis held in a fixed position relative to the main chassis, and a plurality of first engagement parts (37) arrayed on a circular arc about the rotation axis as shown in Fig. 2A and rotatably connecting a subsidiary chassis (17) to the main chassis, the subsidiary chassis having an operating

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part (29) disposed between the main chassis and the rotary member and supporting an optical pickup (8) to be slidable for movement, by the subsidiary chassis and disposing an elastic member (28) between the main chassis and the subsidiary chassis, the elastic member biasing the operating part of the subsidiary member toward the rotary member and providing a projection (33) to one of the operating part of the subsidiary chassis and the rotary member, the projection projecting toward the other thereof.

However, Kawamura et al. fails to teach a helical inclined surface to the other of the operating part of the subsidiary chassis and the rotary member, the inclined surface receiving a biasing force from the elastic member, to be brought into pressing contact with the projection, the inclined surface being configured, as the rotary member is rotated, to slidingly contact the projection, changing a position of the operating part relative to the rotary member. It is not obvious taken alone or in combination of other references fairly to suggest the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Claims 1-5 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4565.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul D Kim', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Paul D Kim
Examiner
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